

"THE TANGLE," ON THE SOMME, CLEARED BY A BRITISH TANK

New War Engine Advances Successfully Against Strong German Position Under Heavy Artillery Fire.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, October 8, via London, October 9.—A fight to a finish between a tank and "The Tangle" was the outstanding and dramatic feature of the capture of Le Sars by the British yesterday and their advance in that neighborhood.

"The Tangle" was a good example of the methods of defense the Germans are using, now that they are out of their old fortifications. It was a strong point, with a maze of dugouts, reinforced by concrete, which had been especially constructed as a rallying point at which machine guns could play on the infantry on both flank and front. Shells of the largest caliber were unable to put all the machine guns out of action. "Clearly, this job was for a tank," said a British staff officer, "and one of the worst ever attacked. No rush of any torpedo destroyer under the guns of a battleship, no cavalry charge on record was more gallant, daring or picturesque."

Tank Under Shell Fire.

Since the taking of Eaucourt l'Abbaye the British bombing parties had made many rushes on "The Tangle," and the Germans had met showers of bombs with showers of their own. The fire had smashed much of the concrete, making the advance for the infantry all the more difficult in the midst of the bewildering tangle of the maze.

Neither bullets nor bombs could harm the tank, but it was bound to be under heavy shell fire. For the commander and crew it was death or success. Dextrous as the tank is in moving over all kinds of obstacles, it was uncertain whether his majesty's land ship, as the official title goes, could navigate "The Tangle."

With the peculiar grumbling and rumbling noise it makes as it goes over the shell craters, the tank started off. Shells dropped all around it, covering it with earth, but it seemed to lead a charmed life. It waded itself up to that ruined fortification, managed to cross over the upheaval of cement blocks and blasted its own machine guns into the dugouts and into the German machine gun positions.

Hidden by Shell Smoke.

Meanwhile the German gunners in the rear, having sighted a tank, proposed to smash it if it was in the power of their guns to do so. The tank seemed to draw all kinds of fire, and at times it was hidden by shell smoke and dust from explosions. But every time the tank raised it could be seen moving over the craters made by the shells aimed at it, with bullets and shell fragments rattling on its sides. Its business was to clear "The Tangle," and it succeeded.

The British maintained their position gained in front of Le Sars yesterday. They are close to another German strong point which is an ideal target. The gunners have torn the top off it and blasted it out of anything like its former contour on the sky line. The Germans made another strong counter attack at 5 o'clock this morning on the British position, but were repulsed, and succeeded in getting into a portion of the British trenches. Later the British returned to the battle.

Rapidity of Offensive.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN FRANCE, October 8, via Chantilly, October 9.—The entire allied offensive north of the Somme has continued with such rapidity that no opportunity has arisen to clear the battlefield of the dead.

The correspondent of the Associated Press was enabled to watch the French troops when going Saturday to make a fresh spring forward. The result of this was the capture of territory over a kilometer in depth and six kilometers front (three and three-quarter miles) which gave them a commanding position in the vicinity of Sally-Saillies, and at the same time possession of the Bapaume road.

Immediately behind the new line, evidence abounded of the severity of the fighting. Dozens of dead Germans lie in the trenches, tons of military accoutrements, rifles and steel helmets are scattered everywhere. Two tanks were to be seen. A close inspection outside and inside demonstrates their invulnerability against anything except artillery and their constant erratic movement affords them some safeguard against even that.

Combes Under German Fire.

The artillery was heavily engaged in preparing the way for the infantry attack while the correspondent was crossing the valley toward Combes, before which town the French had taken up their line. Upon the town itself the Germans concentrated a barrage fire, which, beyond raising clouds of red brick dust, did little damage.

Meanwhile additional French regiments took up position in the reserve and support lines, and perfect unity of action between the French and British could be observed as the troops combined in the advance from their respective bases. Seemingly an unending supply of ammunition columns made their way without hitch through mud and deep across cratered fields, over temporarily bridged trenches and through destroyed woods, where only tree stumps told of former rich vegetation.

The actual fighting for the latest French gain was, owing to the nature of the ground and the terrific barrage fire, beyond the correspondent's view, but the progress of the fighting could be gathered from the activity of dozens of batteries nearby.

KILL ALL WOUNDED FOES, ALLEGED RUMANIAN ORDER

BERLIN, October 9, by wireless to Saville, N. Y.—The semi-official Overseas News Agency states that it has received advices from Vienna which declare that prisoners taken from the Rumanian 11th Infantry Regiment admitted that they had been ordered by their commander to kill wounded Austro-Hungarian soldiers that fell into their hands, without exception, also that Hungarian peasants of Rumanian nationality had been forced to serve in the Rumanian ranks.

OUTLINES NEW PLANS FOR ARMY RECRUITING

Adj. Gen. McCain Has Sytem of Virtual House-to-House Canvassing.

In order to obtain annually the 100,000 recruits required to keep the regular army up to its authorized legal strength Adj. Gen. McCain, with the approval of the Secretary of War, has adopted what is virtually a house-to-house system of recruiting.

In a general order on the subject it stated that "to meet demands for the present and the immediate future the recruiting service must be capable of furnishing annually an average of one recruit per thousand of population, and this result can be accomplished only by canvassing every accessible locality in the United States and establishing through the aid of available postmasters a conveniently located recruiting agency for each small area."

To Comb Rural Districts.

The new plan contemplates establishing such agencies in every county seat. From these bases recruiting parties will be sent to comb the rural districts. Tables have been prepared to show recruiting officers the exact number of recruits who should be obtained in each county, and the number of men of the recruiting service to be sent to each county will be determined by the population. Under the present strength of the recruiting service each member of that service must procure the enlistment of 100 men a year in order to make up the desired total.

The order says that the number of men who enlist in the cavalry is greater proportionately than for other arms of the service. Officers are instructed to encourage applicants to enter the infantry or artillery instead. Authority is given under the law to enlist for service within continental United States only men who desire to take advantage of the provision that they may be furloughed into the regular army reserve at the end of one year of active service if the furlough is approved by their commanding officers.

FAVORS MILITARY TRAINING.

Cardinal Gibbons Believes It Will Make for Peace Rather Than War.

In a recent letter to the Association for National Service, Cardinal Gibbons declared in favor of national military training, expressing his belief that such service will make for peace rather than for war.

He says the habit of early rising and retiring, the taking of simple, nourishing food and the daily outdoor life cannot fail to benefit the country's manhood. The mingling of the sons of the rich and poor, the American with the foreigner, cannot fail to create a spirit of helpful fraternity, he said.

Finally, he advocates the advantages to be had from obedience to lawful authority and the security insured the nation with the knowledge that it is prepared for defense. The few years our youth spend in military training, he points out, will not indefinitely withdraw them from the active and pacific pursuits of life.

Mexican Minister to Japan Received.

TOKIO, October 9.—Col. Manuel Perez Romero was received in audience today by the emperor and presented his credentials as Mexican minister to Japan.

BRITISH PUBLIC WARNED AGAINST OVER OPTIMISM

London Times Says Successes in France Do Not Assure a Final Victory.

LONDON, October 9.—The Times sounds a warning against undue jubilation over the progress of the allies on the western front. It gives two reasons why successes in this theater should not be overrated—First, the possible perils of Rumania, to whom it is difficult to furnish direct help; and second, the failure of the allies to sever the German road to the east, the creation of which was the principal object for which Germany went to war.

Must Be Viewed as Whole.

The paper continues: "The only way to form a just estimate of the course of the war is to examine it as a whole and to take calm and balanced views." After characterizing as serious the situation on the Rumanian front, revealed by the recent communiques, the paper passes on to the German grip on the road from Belgrade to Constantinople.

"Until this German road through the Balkans is severed," the Times says, "the enemy may be said to retain the main prize for which he drew his sword. We should constantly remember that the mighty issues about which Europe is at war cannot be measured by success in one area alone, however great and far-reaching that success may prove to be."

BIG AUSTRIAN WARSHIP IS REPORTED BLOWN UP

PARIS, October 9.—One of the largest Austrian warships blew up recently at Pola, according to a press dispatch from Zurich. The dispatch says refugees from Dalmatia brought the news to Switzerland, but they did not know the cause of explosion.

OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN.

Immaculate Social Club Holds Elec- tion and Discusses Program.

The Immaculate Social Club of the Immaculate Conception Church yesterday elected officers as follows: H. D. Campbell, president; Leo V. Glorius, vice president; W. H. Anglinbaugh, secretary; and W. M. Cannon, treasurer. The newly elected officers immediately took their places and the meeting proceeded. W. T. Cannon was elected chairman of the entertainment committee and C. Sisson chairman of the athletic committee.

The bowling alley will be opened immediately and a league formed for the winter season. A program of plays and dances also will be a feature of the season. The membership now numbers sixty. The next meeting will be held October 19.

DR. M. W. STRYKER RETIRES.

Completes Twenty-Five-Year Term at Head of Hamilton College.

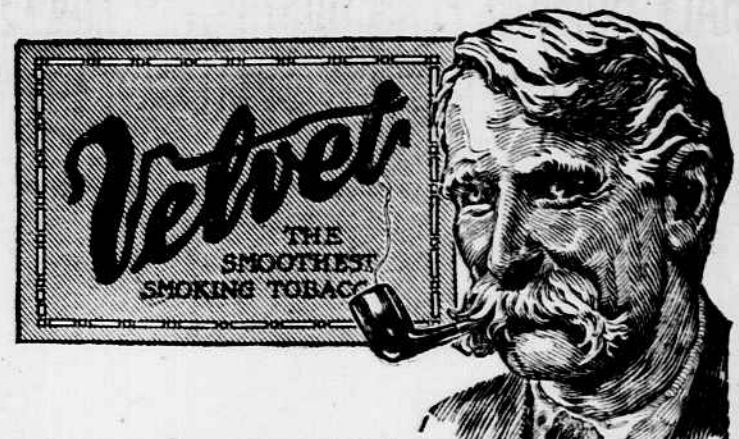
UTICA, N. Y., October 9.—The trustees of Hamilton College have announced that Dr. M. W. Stryker has tendered his resignation as president, to take effect before the 1st of next May. This is in accord with his previously expressed determination to retire after twenty-five years of service. The resignation was accepted and a committee, of which Elihu Root is chairman, was appointed to suggest a successor.

Dr. Stryker was born in Vernon, Oneida county, in 1851. He was graduated from Hamilton in 1872 and four years later from Auburn Theological Seminary. He served pastorates at Auburn, Ithaca, N. Y.; Holyoke, Mass.; and Chicago. After nine years as pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, he accepted the call to Hamilton's presidency.

Authors Reject A. F. of L. Affiliation

NEW YORK, October 9.—Proposed affiliation of the Authors' League of America with the American Federation of Labor, which a number of members of the league opposed, was dropped last night by unanimous vote of the executive committee, consisting of Louis J. Vance, chairman; Rex Beach, Ellis Parker Butler, Lewis Scott, Arthur I. Keller and Thompson Buchanan. The league's committee on affiliation recommended that the executive committee revoke its order to submit the proposal to a referendum vote and to take steps to "remove this proposal from consideration as business formally before the league."

S. Kelly Shanahan, sixty-nine, a prosperous farmer of Talbot county, Md., died suddenly at his home, near Easton, Md., of heart trouble.



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